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## Compusearch Software Selected and Process Mapping Underway
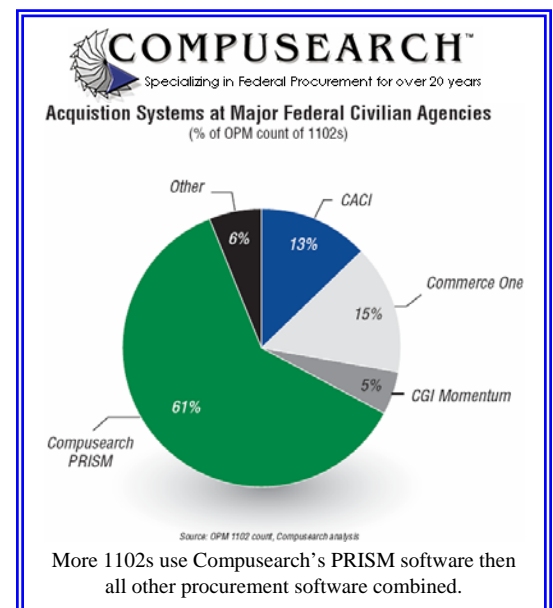
Compusearch's software, PRISM, has been selected as the software for STRIPES. Compusearch has a proven track record in Federal civilian procurement which spans over 20 years. The PRISM Software is used by 75 other Federal organizations including NASA and the Departments of Agriculture, Health and Human Services, Interior, Justice, Treasury and Transportation.

Compusearch, along with our I-MANAGE integrator IBM, are busy developing new process flows that will enable us to be more productive by minimizing data entry and maximizing efficiency through electronic routing, workflow and workload management. The STRIPES Project is currently focused on:

- identifying integration points between STRIPES and other DOE systems
- confirming hardware and software requirements in preparation of the installation and configurations
- validating reporting requirements
- working with team members to develop process maps
- identifying similarities and differences between Compusearch PRISM functionality and the future visions for STRIPES

This last activity is called a Fit-Gap Analysis, and it allows the STRIPES Functional Team to determine if any process changes or work solutions are going to be needed in order to make STRIPES the most efficient it can be for DOE. The Fit-Gap Analysis also identifies areas for possible future enhancements after the STRIPES solution has gone live. Any possible enhancements that are identified after full implementation will be subject to rigorous cost-benefits analysis, with the resulting recommendations made to the I-MANAGE leadership for their consideration.

Additionally, the Fit-Gap Analysis is used by the STRIPES Organizational Change Management Team to determine the changes end-users will experience when they first start using STRIPES and to create a plan of action to communicate these changes to the end-users and provide training when needed. From the IT Team perspective, a Fit-Gap Analysis defines the technical differences between existing systems and the proposed solution.



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(% of OPM count of 1102s)

Other 6% — CACI 13% — Commerce One 15% — CGI Momentum 5% — Compusearch PRISM 61%

Source: OPM 1102 count, Compusearch analysis

More 1102s use Compusearch's PRISM software then all other procurement software combined.

When the final process maps and Fit-Gap Analysis are approved at the end of February, they will be posted to the STRIPES Website. When they are available, we encourage you to go to the STRIPES website and review the process maps to determine how STRIPES will change the way you do business.
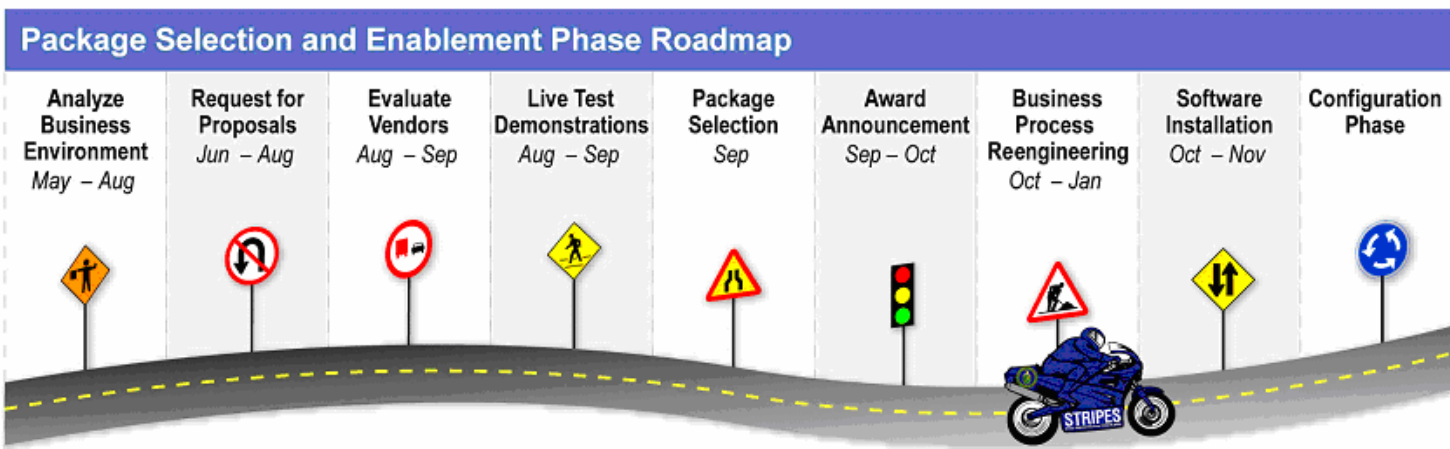
## What is Business Process Reengineering?

Business process reengineering (BPR) is a management approach that examines aspects of a business function, such as procurement, and its interactions with other business functions, and attempts to improve the efficiency of the underlying processes. It is a fundamental approach to improving business processes by either modifying or eliminating non-value adding activities.

So what does this mean to us? Business Process Reengineering is a win for DOE procurement. By taking advantage of BPR, DOE can:

- eliminate redundant tasks
- reduce data entry
- streamline our procurement activities
- build a best-in-class procurement organization

However, BPR does not happen overnight and employees should plan on setting aside time to keep up to date with the changes that will result from BPR. The best way to do this is by keeping up with STRIPES Project Communications, visiting the STRIPES Website, and taking advantage of STRIPES training when it is offered. Many DOE Subject Matter Experts may also be asked to participate on the STRIPES configuration team(s) or Technical Working Group (TWG).

According to one executive with BPR experience, "Once the [reengineering] plan is in place, you've got to pull out the stops and execute it. You cannot live in limbo between what you used to do and what you're going to do." DOE must maintain a sense of urgency to complete the business process reengineering and accept these processes as part of the STRIPES Project implementation. Look for more information about STRIPES on our website. The STRIPES Website is located at http://www.cfo.doe.gov/corpsyst/i-manage/STRIPES.htm.

### Package Selection and Enablement Phase Roadmap

| Analyze Business Environment May – Aug | Request for Proposals Jun – Aug | Evaluate Vendors Aug – Sep | Live Test Demonstrations Aug – Sep | Package Selection Sep | Award Announcement Sep – Oct | Business Process Reengineering Oct – Jan | Software Installation Oct – Nov | Configuration Phase |
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